



**YEAR R Autumn
Term 2**

Topic: Helping Hands!

Dear Parents/Carers,
We are so excited about the learning that we will be doing this half term.
In our topic Helping Hands we will be thinking about how we can help others and how others help us.
We will be considering who our heroes are and how we can be real life heroes in lots of different ways. The learning skills we are focussing on this half term are independence, resilience and kindness.
We can't wait!

Bug Club:
Bug Club is an online interactive reading programme which also enables the children to play Phonics Games.
We will be sending out letters on Friday 22nd October with a unique password for your child to use for access at home. Details are also available on Tapestry



Tapestry:
Please log in to your child's account to see what they have been learning. We would be happy to resend any passwords that may have been mislaid.

TIME TO TALK: Can you talk to your child all about family celebrations and share any photos? (Weddings, Christenings, Eid, Diwali etc). How have you celebrated? What made it special? Please share using Tapestry.

PHONICS: This half term we will be continuing to use lots of fun and exciting ways to support the children to hear initial sounds in words.
We will begin to segment words to write, and blend them to read.
The children will continue to recap the sounds we have learnt so far and learn new sounds. We will be sending home reading books that are linked to our new phonic knowledge.



OUR DRIVING QUESTION: How can we, as members of Jewell Academy, be heroes everyday?

AS READERS:
We will be sharing a variety of books and poems including 'Supertato' by Sue Hendra and 'Smartest Giant in Town' by Julia Donaldson.
We will practise retelling and sequencing, and practise answering and asking questions about what we have read.

AS MATHEMATICIANS:
We will be continuing to look closely at numbers 0-5. Comparing quantities and amounts and understanding the one-ness of 1, the two-ness of 2 and so on. The children will also start to develop an understanding of 1 more and 1 less.

AS WRITERS: We will be practising our fine-motor skills with Fiddly Fingers every morning. We will be listening for initial sounds and using them to label.

AS A COMMUNITY:
We will learn about lots of different festivals and celebrations. These will include Diwali, Hanuka, and Christmas. We will also be thinking about Remembrance Sunday and creating Poppies to thank the heroes.
Through these topics we will be highlighting the importance of the British values Tolerance and Respect.

AS ATHLETES:
We will focus on ball skills - over arm and under arm as well as chest pass.
We will be continuing to strengthen and develop our core stability through storycises.

AS ARTISTS:
We will be creating some beautiful Firework pictures as well as making clay Diwali Lanterns and Rangoli patterns. We will be celebrating Christmas with drama and singing and hope to share this with you all.

